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RESPONSE TO NON-RESPONSIVE LETTER

In reply to the Letter mailed March 28, 2002, Applicant offers the following Remarks:

Applicant respectfully submits that the species election requirement imposed by the Examiner attempts to impose artificial structural limitations on an invention for which the particular chemical structures involved are not relevant. The present claims recite a completely novel approach to synthetic chemistry, utilizing a combination of chemical and biological synthesis steps. The claims do not recite chemical entities. Applicant is therefore at a loss for how best to elect a particular chemical compound as a "species" for each of the final product compounds, starter units, functional handles, template structures, biosynthetic enzymatic machinery systems, and functionalizing, as requested by the Examiner.

Nonetheless, in an effort to assist the Examiner in focussing his initial search, Applicant hereby elects peptide synthetases as a species of biosynthetic enzymatic machinery systems; peptide synthetase substrates (e.g., modified amino acids) as a species of starter unit; polypeptides as a species of template structure; and functionalized polypeptides as a species of structures. The claims that read on the elected species are claims 11-3, 5-12, 16-21.

Applicant respectfully submits that a search of the literature relating to use of peptide synthetase enzymes is not unduly burdensome, and looks forward to the product of the Examiner's analysis.

Please charge any fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No.03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 9/26/2002


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